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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of Managing Director
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Oral *Ex Parte* Communication
CC Dockets 96-45**

Dear Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings.

On Monday, November 10, 2003, undersigned counsel, on behalf of the Rural Cellular Association and the Alliance of Rural CMRS Carriers, met with Lisa Zaina, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, to discuss service area redefinition and disaggregation of support issues in connection with the Joint Board's consideration of these matters in the above-referenced docket. We discussed topics contained in previous submissions. We have enclosed copies of a discussion outline and service area redefinition position paper that were distributed at the meeting.

On behalf of Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. d/b/a Saipancell, undersigned counsel also requested assistance in expediting action on Saipancell's petition for ETC status in Saipan.

Sincerely,

/s/

David A. LaFuria

Enclosures

cc: Lisa Zaina, Esq.